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Van Woerkom: Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee Issues Recommendation of James Byrum

LANSING – The Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee today issued a recommendation to the Government Operations Committee to approve the appointment of James E. Byrum to the Commission of Agriculture, Chairman Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, announced.

“The Agricultural, Forestry and Tourism committee was pleased to consider the appointment of James Byrum at the request of Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema,” Van Woerkom said. “The expertise of the committee allowed us to focus on the policy issues that play an important role in considering agricultural issues across the state.”

The Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism committee was the first Senate committee, outside of the Senate Government Operations, to consider a gubernatorial appointment.

Mr. Byrum is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Agri-Business Association.

The committee favorably recommended Mr. Byrum for an appointment on the Commission of Agriculture. The Government Operations Committee will now consider the appointment.